

**Business Area # 2:**  
**MIT/Kendall Square/Lower**  
**Broadway**

**Boundaries:** bordered by Binney Street, the Charles River, Amesbury Street, and the Conrail Railroad

Major areas of Business/Retail/ Industrial Concentration include: Offices, shops, restaurants in Kendall Square, Cambridge Center, Offices and shops on Broadway between #1 and #200, Tech. Square, M.I.T., and the Hyatt Regency.



*Kendall Square*

The major crime story to emerge in the Kendall Square business district in 2003 was the continued decline in **larcenies from buildings**. Historically, this type of thievery has been the dominant crime problem in this area at the heart of the City's hi-tech business culture. There were seven fewer larcenies from buildings in this area in 2003, marking the third consecutive yearly decline for this crime type in Business District #2. Spurred by increased internal security measures this crime type has plummeted from over 250 annually ten years ago, to less than 60 incidents two years in a row. Laptops thefts from Cambridge Center and 1 Kendall Square offices remain a target of professional thieves. Temporal analysis of these thefts points to mid-week incidents between the hours of noon and 2pm. A team of professional pilferers hit area health clubs on fifteen occasions during the first two quarters of 2003. The arrest of a Melrose man in May appears to have eradicated this series of incidents. • All four of the **commercial robberies** in this business district in 2003 occurred in the first six months of 2003. Three of the four commercial robberies were bank heists. The robberies reported during the first two quarters of 2003 were committed in the early morning hours with the suspects passing notes to the tellers. No weapons were shown in any of the incidents. • For the second consecutive year, there were ten **commercial breaks** in the Kendall Square business district. There has not been a pattern of commercial breaks in this area since the arrest of a former employee for a series of construction site breaks in the Spring of 2000. Six of the ten commercial breaks in 2003 were into offices on weekend with cleaning crews the possible suspects • Nine of the ten **larcenies from persons** reported here in 2003 involved the theft of patrons cell phones and wallets while they were dining in cafes and restaurants near Cambridge Center.

CRIME	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Larceny from Building	99	115	61	52	45
Larceny from Person	7	24	19	14	9
Commercial Burglary	11	30	9	10	10
Commercial Robbery	1	1	5	3	4
Shoplifting	2	4	2	1	3
Fraud/Flim	18	15	21	9	11
Flam/Counterfeiting					